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Rt Hon Sir Geoffrey Palmer
President
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Review of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975

“The Law Commission’s review of the Misuse of Drugs Act is attracting a lot of attention,” the President of the Law Commission said today.

“The Terms of Reference for this inquiry are attached. The Law Commission will be following its usual processes of publishing an issues paper and taking public submissions on it in due course,” Sir Geoffrey said.

“Some people will be concerned these Terms of Reference do not include alcohol and tobacco.

“The Law Commission takes the view that the project would be unmanageably large if these were included. The exclusion of these substances from the terms of reference does not preclude the Commission from taking into account the relative harms of these and other substances.”

“Lessons learnt from the regulation of alcohol and tobacco will be taken on board in the course of this review.”

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